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In re Patent Application of )  
 Philippe Troplin et al. ) Group Art Unit:  
 Application No.: TBA (371 of PCT/FR04/ ) Examiner:  
 001545 )  
 Filed: Even date herewith ) Confirmation No.:  
 For: CHOCOLATE DRINK PREPARED )  
 USING AN ESPRESSO-TYPE )  
 MACHINE, AND MEANS OF )  
 PRODUCING SAME )

## FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report issued in corresponding PCT/FR04/001545.

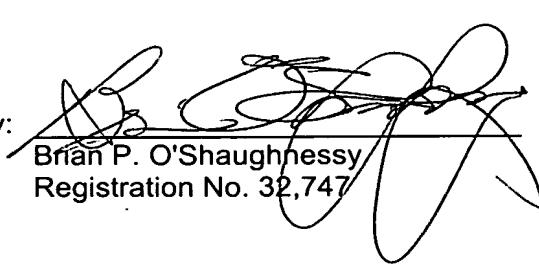
The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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